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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0976

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 16240

SUBJ: HOUSE RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY ON US ELECTION ROLE

REF: A. STATE 185338
B. STATE 185339
C. STATE 186292

1. CONCERNING PUBLIC OPINION POLLS (ESPECIALLY PARA 3 REF C), WE BELIEVE THAT SAIGON'S 19678, SUBJECT: PAAS SURVEY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED AT THIS TIME. INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT WAS AND IS CONSIDERED SENSITIVE, AND FOR THAT REASON IT WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN THE PAAS MONTHLY REPORT. SINCE THERE WOULD BE NO RELEASABLE RATIONALE FOR SUPPLYING SOME TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARIES AND OMITTING THIS ONE, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE PREFERABLE NOT TO SUPPLY ANY, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DECLASSIFICATION OF ALL OTHER SUMMARIES. WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO POUCH ON THIS SUBJECT BEYOND THAT ALREADY SUPPLIED TO THE COMMITTEE AS STATED IN REF C.

2. CONCERNING INFORMATION RELATING TO THE USE OF RADIO AND TELEVISION FACILITIES, WE ARE POUCHING DAILY RADIO MONITOR REPORTS (FROM 6 PM ON) FOR JUNE 25 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 1971, AND DAILY TV MONITOR REPORTS FOR JUNE 25 THROUGH OCTOBER 2, 1971. AS WILL BE NOTED, THESE MEDIA CARRIED A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS DEALING WITH THE ELECTION FOR SOME WEEKS BUT THERE WAS NO ENDORSEMENT OF ANY CANDIDATE AT ANY TIME.

3. AS FOR PRESS RELEASES, IN ADDITION TO AUGUST 4 RELEASE

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CITED REF C THERE WERE OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON WITHDRAWALS OF MINH AND KY. AUGUST 20 THE EMBASSY SPOKESMAN STATED: "WE REGRET THAT GENERAL MINH HAS WITHDRAWN AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. BEYOND THAT WE HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT". AUGUST 23 THE EMBASSY SPOKESMAN STATED: "WE REGRET THE DECISION OF VICE PRESIDENT KY NOT TO CONTEST THE ELECTION FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. WE ARE STUDYING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SITUATION AND HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT AT THIS TIME." BUNKER

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